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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AFAC, ASEC
SUBJECT: AIR CONDITIONING SHIELDED ENCLOSURE

1. POST IS IN PROCESS OF INSTALLING NEW CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS. PLANS FOR SYSTEM WERE NOT SUBMITTED TO RSO OR RTC IN ADVANCE AND THE CONTRACTOR HAD TO BE STOPPED FROM ATTEMPTING TO RUN THE DUCTING THRU THE C&R AREA. RTC HAS AGREED IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR SEA BEES TO PERFORM THE DUCT WORK WITHIN THE PARENT ROOM, AND WILL DO SO ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS.

2. PRESENT AIR CONDITIONING FOR SHIELDED ENCLOSURE CONSISTS OF TWO WINDOW UNITS DUCTED TO THE ENCLOSURE VIA A "RUBE GOLDBURG" SYSTEM OF METAL AND WOOD DUCTING TAPED TO THE WINDOW UNITS AND THE ENCLOSURE. THE PRESENT SYSTEM HAS BEEN VERY UNSATISFACTORY. IT IS MAJOR PROJECT TO CLEAN OR REPLACE THE FILTER, REQUIRING A SEA BEE, IF AVAILABLE, TO DO ANY MAINTENANCE.

3. WE CAN, AT THIS TIME, TIE INTO THE DUCTING NOW BEING INSTALLED, AND SUPPLY THE ENCLOSURE FROM THE AREA SYSTEM WHICH SUPPLIES C&R, AMB AND DCM. IF PERMISSION TO CONNECT TO THIS SYSTEM CAN BE HAD, IT WILL ELIMINATE THE WINDOW
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UNITS AND PROVIDE A MUCH MORE RELIABLE AND PRACTICAL SYSTEM. THE WINDOW UNITS ARE A CONTINUAL PROBLEM, OFTEN FAILING, WITH CONSIDERABLE DOWN TIME, AND REQUIRING THE SERVICES OF RTC FOR REPLACEMENT.

4. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF PERMISSION TO ELIMINATE THE WINDOW UNITS AND TIE INTO THE NEW CENTRAL SYSTEM CAN BE

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OBTAINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE CONTRACTOR CAN SUPPLY
THE DUCTING AND RTC PERSONNEL CAN INSTALL. JORDEN

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